



**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**  
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**AGENDA NO. 23**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2009 – Water Resources**

Little (Chair), Gray

**NOVEMBER 23, 2009 – Board Meeting**

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## ACTION CALENDAR

### RESOLUTION FOR CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) GRANT FUNDING

#### SUMMARY:

West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is applying to the California Energy Commission's State Energy Program (SEP) for funding for energy and water efficiency retrofits at schools and parks within our service area, with a focus on the disadvantaged areas. The SEP has \$95 million available for grants towards three specific programs. West Basin will be applying toward one of these programs entitled "Municipal and Commercial Building Targeted Measure Retrofit Program." Although the funding is highly competitive, staff feels that this opportunity is worthy of spending the time and effort to develop a competitive application that includes the creation of several partnerships. This program will leverage funding from Metropolitan Water District (MWD), Southern California Edison (SCE), and The Gas Company for water and energy efficient devices. Another major component of this program is creating jobs through a partnership with Green Plumbers USA. Individuals will be trained to conduct site assessments (audits) and to install the devices at the selected sites. The South Bay Environmental Services Center, along with Green Plumbers USA, will recruit people from the local Workforce Investment Boards and veterans organizations to train them for this project and for a career beyond this project.

The total project will cost approximately \$3.6 million with leveraged funds of approximately \$650,000 (from MWD and SCE) and a request to the California Energy Commission for approximately \$2.95 million. There is no financial obligation from West Basin; only the two entities mentioned above. There is no cost-sharing requirement, although having a local share presents a more competitive application. The project is required to start in January 2010 and be completed by March 2012. The applications are due on December 21, 2009 and awards will be announced in December 2009. The funding for this program is through the federal stimulus program and has the goals of creating jobs, saving energy through building retrofits, and leveraging existing retrofit program funds to the extent possible. Staff feels that the program has been developed to achieve these goals.

As a requirement of the program, the Energy Commission requires a resolution from the Board authorizing West Basin to enter into an agreement with this agency. The Resolution is included as "Exhibit A."

#### STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Goal 1, Reliability – Maintain a level of local water reliability that supports the regional economy, our community and customer agency needs.

COMMITMENT STATEMENT:

Water Reliability – West Basin is committed to innovative planning and investments to provide water supply reliability and drought protection.

Customer Service – West Basin is committed to providing value by understanding and meeting the needs of our customers and the communities we serve.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There is no financial impact to West Basin. The local cost share will be provided by MWD and SCE.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on November 12, 2009 and recommended for approval at the November 23, 2009 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board authorizes the President to sign Resolution No. 11-09-910 "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING WEST BASIN TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FOR THE WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES FOR SCHOOLS AND PARKS PROGRAM".

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Resolution No. 11-09-910